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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

That Microsoft has maintained a very strong position in the IT marketplace is a given. That Microsoft has done so unfairly is not. Microsoft has always maintained its position of strength through business strategies that simply make good sense. I am not so sure that these strategies warrant this federal lawsuit.

That the lawsuit suddenly collapsed into a settlement rather makes my point. Even though the terms of the settlement are certainly not favorable to Microsoft, it has the advantage of ending the suit. That Microsoft will be forced into a position of greater cooperation with its OEMs and third party software developers is good. However, that they will be forced to give up some more of its source code is not. Since both sides have agreed to these terms suggests that the settlement will be more constructive than the suit would have been.

I am writing to add my own support to the settlement. I am hopeful that any additional court action on this matter will be unnecessary.

Sincerely,

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